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A PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

Miss Alberta D. Garber Has That Position in a Boston Church.

Miss Alberta D. Garber, who has recently been elected as associate organizer in the Everyday church, Boston, began work on the 1st of October. It will be interesting to the friends of the Everyday church to know that Miss



Garber is a graduate of the Ohio State university at Columbus in the class of '88 with a degree of B. S. She also holds the degree of A. M. from the same university for special work done in history and law.

But Miss Garber is something more than a college bred woman. Upon leaving college she went into the kitchen and took a practical course in general housekeeping, accompanied with and followed by all the arts of housekeeping which generally fall to the lot of women. Not satisfied with this, she has also had a practical business training in her father's own office, where as bookkeeper and stenographer she made herself acquainted with all the details of an important business.

In addition to this, in connection with the Associated Charities of Cincinnati, the Social Settlement of the same city and the Lending Library association, she has acquired no small insight into the charitable and philanthropic enterprises so much needed in a great city. She comes with strong recommendations from her pastor in Cincinnati, as well as from Mr. Philip Ayres, now secretary of the Associated Charities in Chicago. Miss Garber was for six years a member of the state executive board of the Ohio Y. P. C. U., serving in succession as recording secretary, corresponding secretary and president, where she gained a wide experience as organizer of religious enterprises.

This will perhaps be sufficient to indicate that it is no mere novice who is taking the place as associate organizer at the Everyday church. Although only 27 years of age, Miss Garber has already had a wide and varied experience as well as a thorough intellectual training, which amply fits her for the exacting duties of her new position.—Boston Journal.

Her Wonderful Self Control.

A story of self control under what was supposed to be the most trying circumstances to which a woman can be subjected comes from Covington, Ky. At a recent funeral there of a man whose circle of friends was sufficient to fill his residence with mourners a young woman, a paid member of a choir of a large Cincinnati church, was present to render a song. She stood in the hall near the stairway and was singing with full musical accompaniment, alone and in full view of many of the assembly. Suddenly from somewhere dropped a tiny mouse on the open book she held in her hand. Not a moment by the singer betrayed its presence. It rolled from the book to the floor, and, unwavering, her strong tones filled the room to the last line of the last stanza of the hymn. She sat down and only then showed that she had even seen the little creature by instinctively drawing her skirts closely about her feet as her glance sought the floor. It was a marvelous exhibition of self control or concentration of thought. Which?

Women as Sailors.

A Scandinavian correspondent writes to the Berlin Tageblatt that in Denmark, Norway and Finland the employment of women as sailors is a matter of daily experience. In the smaller sailing ships, where there is a woman on board, whether she be the stewardess or the wife of the skipper, she is expected to take her turn at the ordinary work of the sailors, not even excluding the duties of the man at the wheel or of the night watch. In Denmark several women are employed at sea as state officials and particularly in the pilot service. "They go far out to sea to meet the coming ships. They climb up nimbly out of their boats. They show their official diplomas and steer the new-comer safely into the harbor." It is the same in Finland. Experienced captains say that women often make excellent sailors and that they are equal to most men in dexterity and endurance.

Mrs. Arthur Sewall.

Mrs. Arthur Sewall, wife of the Democratic candidate for vice president, is a daughter of the late Charles Crocker of Bath, Me. She was educated in Ipswich and afterward traveled extensively in this country and Europe. She is a wide reader, a proficient student and a good French scholar. In addition, she has the artistic temperament. A large collection of water colors and landscape photographs made by her in her travels testifies to this, and she has received diplomas for her work as an expert amateur photographer in Paris, New York and Boston.

The Cause Progressing.

Woman's cause is progressing even in the conservative Episcopal church. The diocese of Michigan has declared women eligible to vote for vestrymen in parish elections. Twenty-five other dioceses and four missionary jurisdictions of the church allow women to vote for vestrymen.—Woman's Journal.

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A COZY CORNER.

A Simple and Effective Way of Arranging a Window Seat.

Artistic hangings for windows may be made by placing a piece of fretwork across the upper pane of the window, and from it hanging a deep ruffle of dotted madras or lace of any pretty design. A comfortable window divan may be easily made by nailing a wooden seat of good wood along the window sill. This should be upholstered in a color which will harmonize with the other draperies in the room. The front of the seat should be made of brown leather, deco-



rated with brass nails. On this seat place several bright, soft pillows. The curtains, which add so much to the artistic effect of the window, are hung on brackets or poles and are made of madras figured with gilt designs.

With a little ingenuity another window seat can be made by covering a large sized packing box with chintz or denim, richly embroidered, or any pretty material that suits the fancy and harmonizes with the rest of the room.

Brooklyn Catholic Women.

The work of the Catholic ladies in Brooklyn who have the management of the Women's Catholic association of that city is something of a departure from the usual routine of benevolent work undertaken by the women of that sect. The association, which is now three years old and very prosperous, is modeled closely on the lines of the Young Women's Christian association. It is a clubhouse for young women, where they can get almost any sort of helpful instruction and entertainment. There are free classes in plain sewing, preparatory dressmaking, penmanship and elementary English, and classes, which a nominal fee is charged, in typewriting, stenography, bookkeeping, physical culture and other departments of domestic work. A special feature of the association is the series of lectures, on Tuesday evenings in the week a class of hospital nurses meets to receive instruction in invalid cooking, and a chaffing dish course is engaging the attention of the members on one afternoon. An elaboration of the course in domestic science is intended to give its participants most thorough training in all home work. A series of lectures, to consist of lectures, concerts and the like, is to be given on succeeding Wednesday evenings during the season.

Educational Facilities For Women.

Five or six years ago Mr. Washington Duke of Durham gave \$85,000 to secure the erection of Trinity college in Durham, being then the largest single donation for educational purposes ever given by a North Carolinian. At the recent session of the North Carolina Methodist conference at Winston Mr. Duke, through President Kilgo, gave \$100,000 to the endowment of Trinity college, with the solitary but far-reaching condition that the trustees, upon its acceptance, will arrange for the admission of girls. Mr. Duke is a man of great practical sense. He has been studying Trinity college since it first moved to Durham. He has become convinced, just as Ezra Cornell came to believe, that when larger opportunities of higher education are offered to men they ought also to be given to women. In North Carolina, Elton, Catawba, Guilford and Rutherford have been open to women, and the practice has worked well.—Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer.

The Mothers Congress.

The following are a few of the subjects to be discussed at the national congress of mothers to be held in Washington during the month of February: "The Moral, Physical and Mental Training of the Young," "Kindergarten Work and its Extension in the Principles to More Advanced Studies," "A Love of Humanity and of Country," "The Physical and Mental Evils Resulting From Some of the Present Methods of Our Schools," "The Advantages That Follow From a Closer Relation Between the Influence of the Home and That of Institutions of Learning" and "The Best Means of Developing in Children Traits Which Will Elevate and Ennobel and Thus Assist in Overcoming the Conditions Which Now Prompt Crime and Make Necessary the Maintenance of Jails, Workhouses and Reformatories."

A Giant Organization.

On Dec. 16, 38 years ago, the so-called women's crusade began in Fredonia, Chautauque county, N. Y. It was a surprise to the country, and in the beginning was the subject of pleasant and even ridicule. Within a year, however, it had spread through so many states and had produced so many able leaders, from Miss Frances E. Willard and Mrs. Louise S. Rounds down to the officers of local unions, that the laughing died away, and the public realized that a new force had entered into American social and political life.

This was the starting of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, now a giant world's organization, out of which have grown a dozen other national organizations.—New York Mail and Express.

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ON THE PRAIRIE.

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Prairie that rolls for leagues. Dusky and sodden mounds. Like a stifled sea of waves. Unbroken by ship or sea.

The hollows are dark with brush. And black with the wash of showers. And ragged with bleaching wreck. Of the rears of the tall timbers.

No cloud in the blue, no stir. Save the shrill of the wind in the grass. And the meadow lark's note, and the call. Of the wind horse crows that pass.

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—Herbert Hols in New York Tribune.

TREES IN THE STREETS.

A Society in New York City to Beautify the Avenue.

Without doubt the Tree Planting association of New York has undertaken a most beneficent work. So far as it proves to be practicable, it will contribute as much as any other scheme that could be projected for the embellishment of the city. The incorporators are to a considerable extent the same as the incorporators of the Botanical garden—men well known for public spirit and intelligence. Thus the society begins under the most favorable possible auspices, for caution and discrimination as well as for enterprise.

Of course its work will be largely experimental. There are streets, even residential streets, in New York in which it may not be wise to attempt tree planting at all, for the reason that the space cannot be spared, either from the sidewalk or the roadway, for the boxes that must protect the young trees or for the trunks of such as live to maturity. Even in those streets in which there is room enough for trees there are many places in which no trees can thrive by reason of the lack of sunshine, and, indeed, there are scarcely any streets in New York below the park in which trees can be expected to do so well as in a place like Washington, where the streets are so wide and the buildings so low as to give all trees that may be planted a fair chance for life. Almost the only streets in New York that are as favorably situated are the Broadway boulevard and the Riverside drive. The boulevard has been until within the past few months a dismal monument to municipal neglect. Now it is kept in order, but time is required to replace the trees that have been allowed to die, and the double row of trees that were meant "high over-arched to embrace" does not embrace at all, but presents upon the whole a scraggy and dismal spectacle.

This, of course, comes mainly from neglect, for there is no reason why trees in this thoroughfare should not thrive if they can be made to thrive anywhere in New York. The general introduction of electric lighting will do much for the trees unless gas is still carried through the ground for fuel. It is given out that uncontaminated earth will be used for the setting of the new trees, but, judging from what we have experienced in the opening of Fifth avenue for a sewer and the previous openings of other avenues for laying cables, the percolation of the gas through the fresh soil would be a matter of only weeks at the longest. The new association is plainly destined to encounter many obstacles. If it succeeds in gaining even a partial victory over them, it will entitle itself to the gratitude of all New Yorkers.—New York Times.

Musical Recitation.

Although the Quakers, as a sect, do not favor music, regarding it as a profane amusement indulged in by the world's people, there are occasionally stories told which show that the love of music sometimes steals its way into a Quaker household in spite of discipline. George Thompson, the famous English abolitionist, while lecturing on the abolition of slavery in the British provinces, stopped one night with a Quaker family. He was a great lover of music, and at that time was a good singer.

During the evening he sang "Oft In the Still Night," which was listened to with the closest attention. In the morning his Quaker hostess appeared somewhat uneasy. She wished to hear the song again, but it would hardly do, she thought, for her to request its repetition. At last, however, her desire overcame her scruples.

"George," she said, with a faint pink color in her soft cheeks, "will you repeat the words of last evening in thy usual manner?"—Youth's Companion.

At His Own Expense.

Mr. Bluff—Look here, young man, you're always going about with my daughter, and I want to know what your intentions are regarding her? Young Man—I really have no intentions, sir.

Mr. Bluff (angrily)—Then, what do you mean by amusing yourself at my daughter's expense? Young Man (airily)—I'm not amusing myself at your daughter's expense, sir, but at my own expense. I always pay for the theater tickets and refreshments.—Pearson's Weekly.

Exchanging Compliments.

"I see that you are your own washer-woman," said Mrs. Spitley, who was leading her poodle past the place. "Yes," returned Mrs. Snapsy. "But, thank goodness, I'm not reduced to playing nursemaid for a dog."—Detroit Free Press.

There are a great many spiders, especially among the tropical varieties, which have three eyes, one on each side of the head and the third exactly in the center of the "forehead." This middle or third eye is always the largest.

The book of Job, written about 1530 B. C., describes very accurately several processes of smelting metal.

Trying to be witty is like trying to be pretty.—Flegende Blatter.

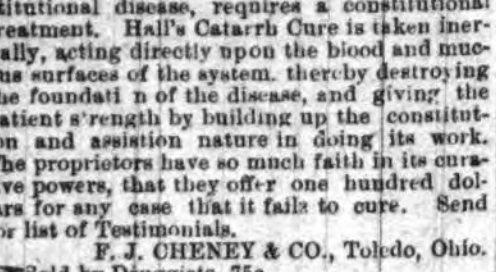
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